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Field Day Just Around The Corner

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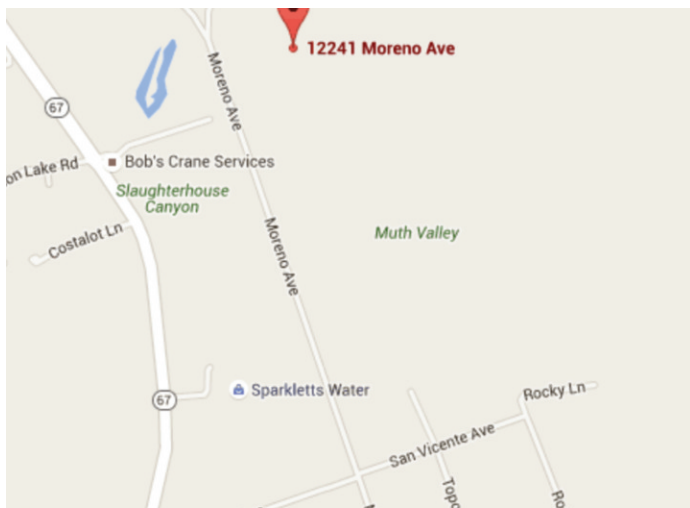
With Field Day 2017 this June 24th and 25th It is time to make preparations and at our June meeting we The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon will be discussing preparations for this years event. We have secured our Field Day site at the Padre Dam administration building parking lot. All that is left is to nail down a few details and secure operators for both day and night shifts. We hope to have a contingent of CW Ops, we did reasonably well last year in CW contacts.

Conditions last year were not as bad as anticipated, and hopefully this year we will see conditions as good or better than last year. The changes made to our operating set up last year will be employed this year, with our band pass filters much less interference was experienced between stations. Here are the instructions and maps for 2017 Field Day.



We will be setting up on Friday June 23rd The set up crew will meet at our storage shed located at the radio towers (12241 Moreno ave lakeside ca, about 1/2 mile down on the right side of Moreno,, 6 big towers) at 11:00 AM Friday morning June 23rd . We will load up, and on the way to the Field Day site, stop off someplace for lunch. We'll be at the Field day site for set up at 1:00 PM. Setup will take something on the order of three to four hours.

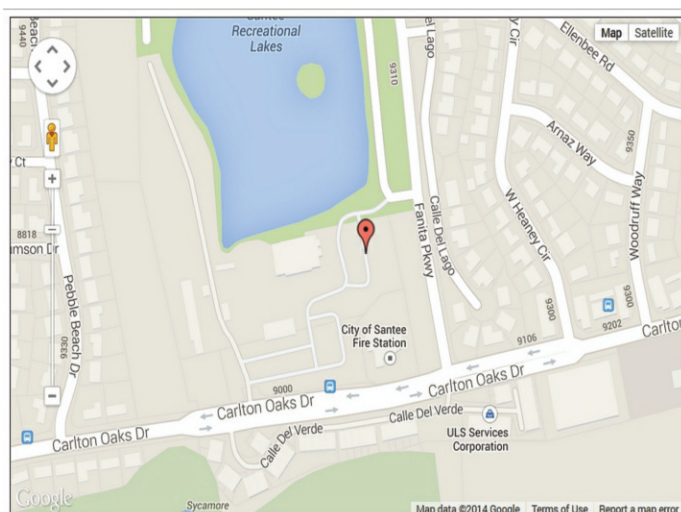




Shed location

Field Day begins at 11:00 AM on Saturday June 24th, and runs until 1:59 PM on Sunday June 25th. There will be hot dogs and hamburgers on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Sunday teardown will begin shortly after 2:00 PM when the station will be taken apart, and components transported back to the shed for storage. We hope to see you at the Administration Building for Santee Lakes in the parking lot. 9310 Fanita Pkwy Santee, CA 92071

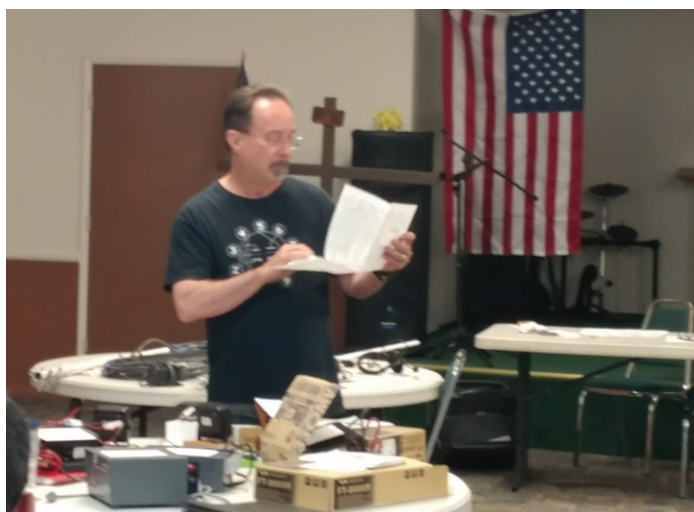
Talk in: WA6BGS Repeater.
All visitors are welcome! For more information Contact the ARCEC board of directors at bodofc@wa6bgs.us
And see our website for more information.
<http://wa6bgs.us/index.html>
For more information about Field Day 2015 see: <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>



Field Day site location

April Auction

Our April ARCEC meeting was highlighted by an auction which raised \$1060. in funds for the club. Three radios, antennas, cables, power supplies, and a host of miscellaneous items were auctioned off to raise money for the club. Our treasurer George Fish proved himself to be a capable auctioneer, keeping items moving and providing some levity making for an enjoyable evening. Your's truly walked away with a Kenwood TM-251 2-meter radio, which has been performing well on the morning rag chew session on our VHF repeater. The equipment was from gear donated by the club to Cal Fire for the now disbanded Red Flag program. Thanks to everyone who joined in the fun.



ARCEC Repeater Frequencies

2 Meter Repeater	220 MHZ Repeater	440 MHZ Repeater
TX 146.475	TX 222.480	TX 440.900
RX 147.420	RX 224.080	RX 445.900
Offset .945	Offset 1.6	Offset 5.00
PL 107.2	PL 107.2	PL 107.2



Next Month's Meeting
All About Field Day 2017
Everything You Will
Need To Know
To have the time of your life
at Field Day 2017



Our Tower Trailer Needs A New Home

The current storage location for the club's antenna tower will not be available very soon. The club is looking for a volunteer willing to store the tower trailer. The new location must be secure, and 24 hour access is highly desired. If anyone wants to volunteer to store the trailer, or, has any suggestions on where to store the antenna trailer, please contact any officer or board member.

Fry's Operating Day

Sad to say Fry's Operating day was canceled due to rain, better luck this fall.

May Meeting

Sometimes things just don't go as planned, and so that in a few words describes our May meeting. While we now have a social chair our presentation person had to back out due to circumstances beyond his control. Things happen and unforeseen events cannot be avoided. Next Month shall be better.



Membership Badges & Pins

All members of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon who might wish to obtain a membership badge can contact Dell Awards and place an order with them. They are our current preferred source for these badges, and have our logo and design on file and ready to create a custom badge for members. Current price is \$7.50 per badge and they have indicated that there is normally a 3 business day turnaround time. These are quality badges made by a long established company, so place yours on order soon. They can be reached at the below address and phone number, and be sure to mention you saw this blurb in the Counterpoise newsletter too.

Dell Awards
7949 Broadway
Lemon Grove, CA 91945
(619) 469-2100
Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am-5:30pm
Sat 10am-1pm
Sun - Closed

Club Pins Now Available:

They have arrived! A limited number of club pins are now here and can be obtained from our Treasurer at most club functions. These are 1" diameter pins with a rubber clutch pin on rear. You can now show the world your support of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon, and for the small cost of \$3.00 each too. Get them while they are available.



Next Month's Meeting

To Be Announced
Check our website
For more Details

wa6bgs.us

Swap Meet Listings

The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon has a Swap Meet listing page on our website and here in Counterpoise, Have something you want to buy, sell, or trade list it with us. See <http://wa6bgs.us/swapmeetlegal.html> for more listings and posting guidelines. This is a free service to our members.

New Resources

	New Battery Supply & Battery Recycling for SD New Marine Battery-Heavy Equipment Battery-Tuck/Auto 619Battery.com Shop 619-448-5323 Mobile 619-315-5604 Call/Text
	1985 Friendship Dr B El Cajon 92020 Jeff Schwen

Club Shirts & Jackets

We have 2013 club shirts and jackets available at meetings. Shirts are available sizes from small to XX large, this year's shirt has a pocket and as usual is green in color with the club logo in white. The cost is \$12.00 each.

Jackets are also available in sizes ranging from Medium to XX large. These are of the lined windbreaker style, with side pockets and they snap down the front. The cost is \$24.00 each.

We also have a number of shirts from 2012, these shirts are identical to the 2013 shirts without the pocket, and they are available in both the standard club shirt and the 2012 Field Day shirt. Sizes are limited to stock on hand.



The **AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF EL CAJON**^{Inc.}
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Please fill out this form and then see options at bottom for submitting to the club

Date of application: ___ / ___ / ___

Amount Paid: \$ _____ Cash Check Check # _____

Membership Type: Individual (\$20/year) Family* (\$35/year)

Membership Status: New Renewal Returning Member

Call Sign First Name _____ Last Name _____

If a previous member, what was your WAMO number?

ARRL Member: Yes No

License Class: Technician General Extra Other

Email Address (required) _____

Phone Number (optional) _____

**Use another sheet of paper to add Family members and please include the following information:*

First Name, Last Name, Call Sign (if any), License Class, Wamo Number (if any), & Email Address.

Submitting this form:

To submit this form, you can mail it to:

**Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon
P.O. Box 50
El Cajon, CA 92022**

-OR-

Bring it to the next club meeting on the second Thursday of each month. You can find the date and location by getting online at www.wa6bgs.us which is the club website. Check it out for the most current information regarding the club.

Cash Payments - Get a receipt from the Club Treasurer. Please make all checks payable to AMATEUR RADIO CLUB of EL CAJON, Incorporated. Receipts for payments by check will be sent by email or regular mail by the Club Treasurer.

Members with an FCC Call Sign are full members with voting privileges. Members without an FCC Call Sign are Associate members without voting privileges.

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